

**PEACE MEETING  
OPENS WITHOUT  
SUAREZ PRESENT**

Envoys of United States and Mexico Gather in Ante-Chambers of Conference Room to Begin Sessions.

**SESSION BEGINS WITH  
INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Questions Will be Thoroughly Canvassed Before Demands Are Put in Formal Order—Consider Huerta Last.

**BULLETINS.**  
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, called at the state department today to ask for protection, either through American representatives or the Brazilian ambassador in Mexico City for a party of Englishmen who are reported surrounded by federal forces near Manzanillo.

**MEXICO CITY, May 20.**—A large quantity of arms and ammunition concealed in a plot to overthrow President Huerta, was seized by secret service officers today. The depot at which today's seizure was made, was in San Pedro st., but there are believed to be others scattered throughout the city.

The officers got 75 Winchester rifles and supplies of cartridges, as well as many revolvers.

**MONTEREY, Mexico, May 19.**—(Via Brownsville, Texas, May 20.)—Gen. Villa's attack on Saltillo is in full swing today according to brief messages received by constitutionalist officers. One federal machine gun has already been captured, together with six soldiers and one officer. The federalists have been defeated at Santa Maria and forced to fall back.

**BY LAWRENCE TOD.**  
Staff Correspondent.  
**MEDIATION HEADQUARTERS.**  
Clifton Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont., May 20.—The mediation conference to settle the trouble between the Mexican and United States governments was opened here this afternoon. Minister Suarez, of Chile, had not yet arrived, but it was decided to organize in his absence. The American commission, consisting of Justices Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann, in full official uniform, arrived at the conference room promptly at 2 o'clock, to find the Mexican delegates already in their ante chamber, adjoining the conference room.

Minister Naon of Argentina, who has been here for several days, agreed with Senator DaGama that the look was encouraging. They said they hoped for an early agreement and the prompt acceptance of the views of the conference by the governments involved.

The arrival of Senator Suarez, the Chilean minister, was delayed. Meanwhile the American delegates, Justice R. Lamar and Frederick Lehmann, rested quietly at their hotel on the American side.

**Mexicans Are Reticent.**  
The Mexican commissioners, Senor Rodriguez and Senor Elguero, who reached the city early today, were reticent. They expressed their countrymen, including former Charge d'Affaires Alcala, who rose early to welcome them, and with Consul Pablo Tomio, of Toronto, who declared they "had nothing to say to the press" until mediation conferences had actually begun. The first words in the play were left to the South American mediators.

Some indication of the probable length of the conference was had from the fact that the Argentine minister negotiated for a month's lease of a motor car. In Mexican official quarters from where the welcome, the American delegates smiled. The interests of the United States are considered furthered by every possible delay.

Through all this whispered conferences about the headquarters ran one insistent question: "Will Huerta retire and what will the Mexican delegates answer to the new proposal of the United States that the people of Mexico will be given the land? Will they first reject, and then agree to consider the land proposition? Or will they offer a pledge of the abdication of General Huerta as an alternative to breaking up the great estates?"

**May Refuse to Discuss Land.**  
Opinion inclined toward the belief that the Mexicans would refuse to discuss the land question. They are anxious for haste in the settlement of their quarrel with the United States government, but it is understood they regard the land policy as a purely domestic matter with which none but a conqueror may interfere. The diplomats of the three South American powers, determined to bring their plan of a peaceful compact to success, are nevertheless watching the progress of the constitutional army in Mexico with resignation. They hope chiefly to get action here in time to be of assistance in making future civil conflict in the southern republic impossible.

It was decided by Ambassador DaGama and Minister Naon that informal discussion should precede the presentation of formal proposals upon each point which shall be raised in the conference.

The American mediators were understood to desire the issue involving the elimination of Gen. Huerta should be taken up first, but the Mexican delegates were opposed to such a program desiring that all the points in the dispute be canvassed before the question of Huerta's status be decided.

**To Prepare Written Records.**  
As each formal step is taken up the secretaries will draw up written memoranda of what has transpired and these records will be signed. The field will thus be kept clear of mis-

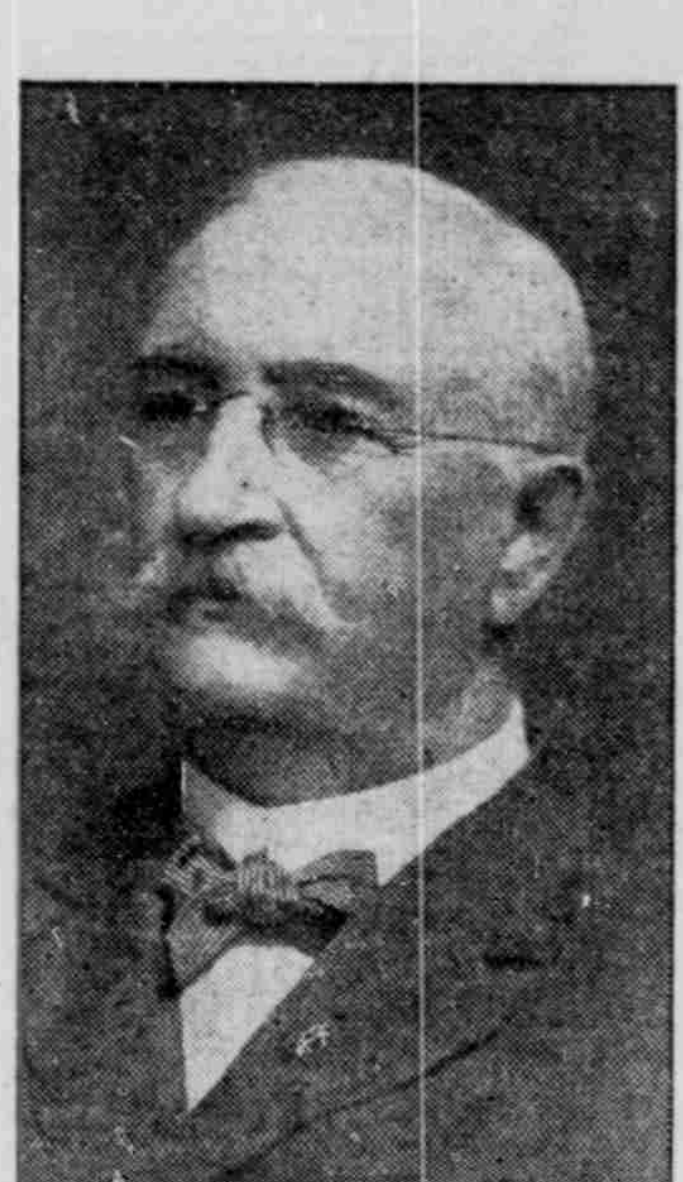
**THREE OF THE DEMOCRATIC VICTORS**



CHARLES BAILEY, Nominated for Sheriff.



CHESTER R. MONTGOMERY, Renominated for Prosecutor.



GEORGE FORD, Nominated for Judge.

**GUNMAN'S DYING  
STATEMENT RULED  
OUT BY JUSTICE**

**NEW YORK, May 20.**—A smashing blow was struck today at the defense in the trial of ex-Police Lieut. Charles Becker, when Justice Seabury refused to allow the introduction of an alleged confession by one of the gunmen, "Dago Frank" Cirofici, just before his execution in Sing Sing, in which he exonerated Becker from all blame for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Thomas F. McInerney, head keeper at Sing Sing, had just been called to the stand by the defense when Justice Seabury halted the proceedings and demanded to know what Atty. Martin Manton expected to prove by McInerney.

Mr. Manton replied: "The purpose of this witness' testimony is to tell of a dying statement of 'Dago Frank' which he made to this witness, Mr. Father Cashin, his confessor, and to others, in which he exonerated Charles Becker from any blame for the murder of Herman Rosenthal."

The court ruled that McInerney might not testify but said he would receive any papers which counsel for the defense might want to submit.

**Make Formal Record.**  
"I feel that I am bound by decisions of the United States supreme court in the Donnelly case and the Davies case," said Justice Seabury. "Therefore I will not allow any testimony along this line to be introduced. I will allow you to ask any questions of the witness to keep the record clear but not before the jury."

Counsel for Becker then had it officially recorded that he had called McInerney and asked him to divide the Warden Clancy of Sing Sing prison, and the Rev. Father Cashin, chaplain of the same prison, to testify as to the same facts.

**DENIES REHEARING FOR  
EASTERN RAILROADS**  
WASHINGTON, May 20.—The interstate commerce commission today denied a rehearing to the industrial railroads east of the Mississippi on their appeal for a division of through rates in cases where carriers deliver cars to a point from which the haul is completed by industrial or tap lines.

The commission decided that these industrial lines, except in isolated cases, are plant facilities and to divide through rates with them would amount to a rebate to the plant.

**FAVOR BILL TO END  
GAMBLING IN COTTON**

**WASHINGTON, May 20.**—A subcommittee of the house agricultural committee today agreed to report the Lever bill to regulate transactions in cotton futures and the full committee will take up the bill tomorrow. The measure would prohibit by taxation speculation in cotton futures where no actual delivery is contemplated.

**TO ATTEND RALLY.**

Members of South Bend Hive, No. 4, L. O. T. M., will attend the Macabee rally in Laporte Friday. They will leave the city Friday noon. A prize is to be awarded to the tribe having the largest delegation present and South Bend is working up its delegation with a view to winning the award.

**WILL ENJOY PICNIC.**

The first annual picnic of the high school girls athletic association will be held at the Four Mile bridge Saturday.

**RESULTS AT A GLANCE OF  
TUESDAY'S PRIMARIES**

OFFICES.	DEMOCRATS.	REPUBLICANS.	PROGRESSIVES.
JUDGE S. C.	George Ford	Fred Woodward	William E. Miller
PROSECUTOR	C. R. Montgomery	Alfred E. Martin	Lewis W. Hammond
STATE SEN.	Gabriel R. Sommers	William A. Jakways	Henry H. Swain
RECORDER	George V. Hepler	Floyd G. Jellison	Lewis C. Landon
CLERK	Charles A. Hagerty	Edward A. Jernegan	Matthew S. Denant
TREASURER	Fred W. Martin	Robert E. Geyer	Chas. D. Hildebrand
AUDITOR	Arthur F. Wolfe	Samuel J. Krueger	O. E. Lang
SHERRIFF	Bert E. Klysz	George H. Alward	Hommer J. Miller
STRVEYOR	Charles Bailey	Edward S. Swanson	G. E. Vanderhoof
CORONER	H. McClellan	George H. Leslie	Ralph E. Keller
ASSESSOR	Thomas J. Swantz	Edwin A. Martin	C. M. Butterworth
COM. M. D.	John M. Truax	Mark L. Webster	William F. Horne
COM. W. D.	John W. Miller	Christian Sieg	Sam'l R. Thomas
COUNCIL.		Mark L. Brunmitt	Guy C. Carpenter
AT-LARGE	Nelson J. Riley	Adolph H. Heller	William H. Hupp
2nd District	M. W. May	M. Fisher	H. G. Eggleston
3rd District	Frank Mayr	Geo. W. Milliken	
PORTAGE TOWNSHIP.			
TRUSTEE	Geo. A. Klingler	Horace G. Miller	Walter Erler
ASSESSOR	Joseph Voorde	J. Wesley Hill	Charles H. Hull
JUS. PEACE	John Elmer Peak	Arthur L. Gillon	
COM. M. D.	J. V. Wypysynski	Clifford V. DuComb	
COM. W. D.	Robert A. Beyer	J. W. Carskaddon	
ROAD SUP.			
Dist. No. 2		Joseph C. Rerick	
Dist. No. 3	J. H. Zimmerman	Orta Taylor	Walter C. Anderson
AD. BOARD.	L. A. Lydick	Clark L. Davis	
	H. J. Lederer		

**USED \$300,000  
TO MAKE FRIEND  
OF BOSTON PAPER**

**WASHINGTON, May 20.**—That \$300,000 was used to gain the friendship of a powerful daily metropolitan newspaper for the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad was the testimony given by Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the road, before the interstate commerce commission today. He declared that the desire for this friendship prompted the New England Navigation Co., a New Haven subsidiary, to lend to W. C. Haskell, editor and proprietor of the Boston Herald, this large sum.

Mellen testified that the loan was made to Haskell about 1907. He said that he had known Haskell many years and as he was in financial straits he wanted to help him.

"Did the fact that Mr. Haskell owned a big newspaper operate as an inducement to make the loan?" asked Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the commission.

"It did not operate as an inducement, not to make the loan," Mellen replied.

"I don't recall any, but there may have been,"

"Any big loans?"

**GAS COMPANY TO  
HAVE NEW HOME  
ON MICHIGAN ST.**

A new building to be occupied by the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. for a long term of years, three stories high, and with a 50-foot front by 155 feet deep, is to be constructed in the immediate future by Gabriel R. Summers and James A. Judie on what is known as the Joseph Seifer property, N. Michigan st., to the south of the Sheridan hotel. The building is to cost \$40,000, and will be faced with terra cotta, not only on Michigan st., but 30 feet back on the alley that adjoins the property.

The gas company has been facing the necessity of securing other quarters for some months, and arrangements for this new building have been developing for several weeks, completion of the plans, however, not being reached until Wednesday. The structure will enable the company to equip itself with one of the finest, up-to-date offices in the middle west. The improvement is also noted as important to that section of Michigan st.

**SEIZE ENTOURAGE OF  
PLOTTER AGAINST KING**

**VIENNA, May 20.**—While 500 Austrian and Italian marines patrolled the streets of Durazzo today, guarding the royal palace and foreign legation, Albanian troops placed the entire entourage of Essad Pacha, former Turkish ruler of Albania, under arrest. They are charged with plotting to overthrow the government of King William, who was recently placed upon the Albanian throne by the allied powers.

A despatch from Durazzo says that shots were fired at the palace on Tuesday with the evident intention of trying to assassinate King William.

Thousands of Mohammedan followers of Essad Pacha are swarming about Durazzo, the new capital of Albania, awaiting the signal to begin an attack.

**HARTFORD CITY.**—The ashes of Harry E. Cafferay of Los Angeles, Calif., who died in the west Nov. 2, were received here by parcel post. A nephew of the deceased, A. C. Maddox, a mail carrier, delivered the package.

**BANKER'S FAMILY  
KILLED WHEN CAR  
HITS AUTOMOBILE**

**CINCINNATI, O., May 20.**—William M. Miller, president of a Circleville bank, his wife and a sister of the banker, and two other persons were killed today when an interurban car ran into the automobile driven by Miller at Asheville, near here. The gasoline tank of the machine instantly exploded, setting fire to the wreckage. Passengers who escaped injury on the car were unable to save those buried under the debris because of the furious blaze.

One little girl was taken from the fire badly burned and bruised. It is believed she will die.

The street car, running at 25 miles an hour, turned a curve just beyond the crossing and the automobile stalled just as it was passing over the tracks.

The dead are: William M. Miller, 55, president and cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Asheville.

Mrs. W. M. Miller, wife of the banker.

Mrs. R. C. Hill, wife of Rev. Hill, of Mt. Sterling.

Mrs. Alice Staiger, 50, sister of Mr. Miller.

Ruth Hill, six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hill.

When the traction car struck the machine the gasoline tank on the automobile exploded, scattering flames over the wreckage. Conductor Langley was badly cut by broken glass, but none of the passengers was injured. Every member of the automobile party met almost instant death. It is the supposition that Mrs. Staiger and Mrs. Hill were electrocuted by connection with the third rail. Their bodies then recovered were rigid, although badly burned. It is believed that death was instantaneous.

Harry Miller, 17, son of the victims, is the only surviving member of the Miller family. He owes his escape to the fact that he was in high school, where he graduates in two weeks.

Ruth Hill was burned almost beyond recognition.

The Circleville fire department was rushed to the scene on a flat car, but was unable to check the flames and the traction car was burned to the trucks.

**INCUBATOR LAMP  
STARTS FIRE WHICH  
WIPES OUT TOWN**

**ESCANABA, Mich., May 20.**—Nadeau, Menominee county, a town of 500, was destroyed by fire early today when a lamp in an incubator in the Exchange hotel fell, setting fire to the incubator. The hotel, a wooden structure, was destroyed, and the flames spread rapidly to nearby dwellings. It was reported here that the town had been attacked by forest fires, but the report proved untrue.

**DEFEATS VAN FLEET  
IN G. O. P. RACE**

**Judge—Park, 1107; Ford, 1749.  
Prosecutor—Romine, 1085; Montgomery, 1904.  
State Senator—Summers, 1736; Clerk—Flowers, 435; Cully, 729; Raab, 891; Codd, 806.  
Auditor—Dwyer, 776; Wolfe, 846; Hahn, 901.  
Recorder—Witwer, 967; Klysz, 1373; Fink, 434.  
Sheriff—Mihaliski, 375; Bailey, 814; Wentland, 361; McCollough, 707; Genge, 700.  
Surveyor—McClellan, 1902; Coroner—Swantz, 1778.  
Assessor—Syson, 962; Truax, 1019.  
Commissioner western district—Shenefield, 381; Kerner, 506; Ward, 617; Williams, 1066.  
Commissioner western district—Miller, 1281; Price, 587.  
Councilmen at large—Riley, 1420; Mix, 1510; Mayr, 1482.  
Bailey, for sheriff, won over Richard J. Genge by 444.**

In the race for representative on the democratic ticket, the vote in South Bend stood Hepler 1134; Lowery 1155; Hagerty 1841; in the county it stood, Hepler 1788; Lowery 1563 and Hagerty 2478.

**KLYSZ DEFEATS WITWER  
FOR RECORDER BY ONE  
VOTE IN OFFICIAL COUNT**

Single Ballot Decides Most Exciting Race on Democratic Ticket—Ford, Montgomery, Raab and Wolf are Named

**WOODWARD BEATS VAN FLEET  
IN G. O. P. RACE FOR JUDGE**

Contrary to the unofficial reports the canvass of the primary vote by the board of election commissioners, the democrats have nominated Bert E. Klysz for county recorder by a plurality of one over John B. Witwer, his nearest opponent. The discovery was made late Wednesday afternoon upon receipt by the commissioners of the election board of Mishawaka third ward.

A credit of five votes in a fifth ward precinct, South Bend, where it should have been nine, and of 12 short in the second precinct, third ward, Mishawaka, shifted Witwer's plurality of 15, to one against him. A careful checking of this vote will be made by the commission before final decision.

Only one nomination now remains in doubt—whether Sam. R. Thomas or L. P. Hardy is nominated by the progressives for middle district commissioner—Thomas apparently being one in the lead.

Otherwise apparent results are the same as given out by the News-Times primary night, the unofficial returns, all in with the exception of one precinct, before 11 o'clock, being confirmed.

Hon. George Ford was nominated by the democrats for judge of the superior court, and Fred Woodward was nominated by the republicans. W. E. Miller, progressive, won without a contest.

Chester R. Montgomery won for prosecuting attorney on the democratic ticket, and Alfred E. Martin was nominated by the republicans. L. W. Hammond, progressive, was nominated for the same offices without contest.

George Raab came off victor in a race of four candidates for democratic nominee for county clerk, and Arthur F. Wolfe outdid his two opponents for auditor. Charles Bailey won in the five-man race for the democratic nomination for sheriff, and John B. Witwer in the three-man race for recorder.

These were chief among the spirited contests, the outcome of which no one would venture to guess up to the last moment.

In the less strenuous contests, George H. Alward was nominated by the republicans and J. Paul Woodruff by the progressives, for county recorder; Edward Swanson by the republicans and Gilbert E. Vanderhoff by the progressives, for sheriff. Charles D. Hildebrand is nominated by the progressives for clerk.

The republicans nominated Christian Sieg for middle district commissioner, the progressives Sam. R. Thomas, the latter winning over L. P. Hardy by one vote, as the record now stands, but no progressive vote is recorded in this from either Harris or Liberty township. Thomas Williams is nominated by the democrats for middle district commissioner, and J. W. Miller for the western district.

The tickets as they will go before the people in November, unless changed by the official count are published above.

No One Has Walk-Away.	R. Codd.....917
The total democratic vote was 4,180; the largest republican vote cast for any one office was for superior court judge, 1,559, and the largest progressive vote for superior court judge, 800, with two precincts not heard from, as to the latter.	Treasurer—F. W. Martin.....3793
Isaac Kane Parks polled a splendid vote, 1,778, falling behind his opponent 425, while Otis S. Romine's vote of 1,532 fell behind Montgomery by 1,054. George Raab's plurality over John P. Cully, his nearest opponent, was 314. The race for auditor has been a close one, Wolfe winning by only 202 over George Hahn.	Auditor—D. J. Dwyer.....1106
Woodward's plurality over Judge Van Fleet is about 257. A. E. Martin's plurality over Quinlan on the republican ticket was 176.	A. F. Wolfe.....1467
Among the democratic races, another of marked interest was that for Portage township justices of the peace in which John Elmer Peak and Joe Wypysynski came off victors. They will be opposed on the republican ticket by Arthur L. Gillon and Clifford V. DuComb. The progressives had no candidates for justices of the peace.	G. Hahn.....1285
The city democratic vote is as follows:	B. E. Klysz.....1611
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The remaining total vote of the county, on the democratic ticket follows:	T. Williams.....1324
TOTALS FOR COUNTY.	Com. W. D.—J. W. Miller.....1763
Democrat.	J. F. Price.....1925
Judge—I. K. Parks.....1778	Council at Large—N. J. Riley.....2007
G. Ford.....2203	F. Mayr.....211
Prosecutor—G. S. Romine.....1551	Trustee—G. A. Klingler.....107
C. R. Montgomery.....2587	E. Pfeiffer.....70
State Senator—G. R. Summers.....2570	G. W. Phillips.....120
Clerk—M. W. Flowers.....672	J. V. Wypysynski.....1200
J. P. Cully.....1182	Constable—A. Fitzgibbon.....913
G. M. Raab.....1476	R. Beyer.....1241

Republican	W. H. Hupp.....295
Democrat	M. M. Misher.....274
Progressive	H. G. Eggleston.....294
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Trustee—W. Erler.....200  
J. N. Thum.....169  
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